MINUTES NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, June 4, 2003 3rd Floor, One Civic Center

Present: Chairman John Shultz

Vice Chair Patty Badenoch

Commissioners John Horwitz, Dick Kiesell, George Knowlton, and Nancy Wendorf

Absent: Commissioner Sue Alsworth (excused)

Staff Present: Raun Keagy, Joanie Mead

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Neighborhood Enhancement Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM and members were present as stated above.

APPROVAL OF 5/07/03 MEETING MINUTES

COMISSIONER KIESELL <u>MOVED</u> FOR APPROVAL OF THE MAY 7, 2003 MINUTES. COMMISSIONER KNOWLTON <u>SECONDED</u> THE MOTION WHICH <u>CARRIED 6-0</u>.

<u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE COMMISSION ACTION ON CHANGES TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (NFP)</u>

Ms. Mead distributed a document of options regarding the NFP. Funding of \$75,000 for this program was approved by Council for FY 2003/04 as of July 1, 2003.

Discussion of legal issues was held and Ms. Mead noted the legal department said there would be no problem in moving toward providing more funding for non-HOAs as long as they fit within the new program guidelines. This should be clearly defined in the mission of the program.

Responding to Vice Chairperson Badenoch, Ms. Mead said the issue of having HOAs open their financial records could be part of the application form if the legal department agreed.

Program purpose was discussed and revisions were made to the two examples presented in the document. Discussion was held about emphasizing enhancement rather than investment of neighborhoods, but also keeping some words related to financial aspects. Mr. Keagy said Commissioners should continue to think of buzz words they might want to include and forward thoughts to him or Ms. Mead. They would bring forth other options at the next meeting. A suggestion was also made to change the name of the new program to Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership.

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Discussion was held about ways to raise money through grants or perhaps being a 3rd party mentor in getting companies or someone to help with neighborhood enhancement.

Commissioners reviewed a listing of criteria from other cities with similar programs and selected the ideas they liked or wouldn't like to be part of Scottsdale's new program.

Mr. Keagy noted that data would soon be available to the Commission that would show details on mature neighborhoods and where they were located. It was decided that many decisions on guidelines for the new program would need to wait until this data was available. Mr. Keagy also noted that these were only guidelines and exceptions could be made.

An option from Tempe's program regarding the Crime Free Multi-Housing program prompted a suggestion that someone from this program come and speak to the Commission.

Funding options were discussed. Mr. Keagy said one critical item was the \$10,000 emergency abatement fund. Commissioners agreed that a tree fund was important as well. Ms. Mead discussed options A, B, and C and it was decided that more data and discussion was needed before dollars could be earmarked for certain options.

<u>DISCUSSION ON ORDINANCES RELATING TO BLIGHT AND PRESERVATION ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES</u>

Mr. Keagy distributed the current ordinance regarding blight and pointed out that commercial properties and vacant land were already included. In the instance of Los Arcos, they are in compliance around the perimeter of the fence and the city could not enforce anything inside the fence.

Mr. Keagy also reviewed a listing of violations for the year and pointed out that the number one complaint was high grass and weeds on vacant property. He also reviewed a flow chart to show how each complaint was handled. A document on Citation Protocol was distributed and discussed as well.

STAFF AND COMMISSION UPDATES (A.R.S. 38-431.02 (K))

Mr. Keagy gave three handouts to Commissioners as information only: 1) a flyer on the Handbills Program; 2) a memo from Don Meserve regarding Historic Register Committee; and 3) a memo from Nancy Cantor of the Scottsdale Coalition.

OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. 38-431.02)

No members of the public were present.

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NEXT MEETING DATE AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The July meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting date will be August 6, 2003 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary